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Friends of the

Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge
4567 Wildfowl Lane, Stevensville, MT 59870 • (406) 777-5552

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SUPPORTERS

- Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Montana Wetlands Legacy
- Montana Audubon
- Bitter Root Land Trust
- Montana Trout Unlimited
- Bitterroot Audubon
- Five Valleys Audubon
- Montana Ducks Unlimited
- North Bitterroot Chapter Ducks Unlimited
- South Bitterroot Chapter Ducks Unlimited
- Stevensville Civic Club
- Stevensville Main Street Association
- Stevensville Garden Club
- Montana Wildlife Federation
- Montana Natural History Center
- Montana Conservation Science Institute, Ltd.
- Ravalli County Fish & Wildlife Association
- Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- American Public Land Exchange Co.
- VFW Post 1507 Stevensville
- American Legion Post 94

Federal Highway Administrator
c/o Zia Kazimi
Transportation Planning Manager
Montana Department of Transportation
2701 Prospect Avenue
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Mr. Kazimi:

The Friends of Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge support the Ravalli County Road Department's request for funding of the Lee Metcalf NWR Access/Wildfowl Lane Project.

The FLMNWR have almost 300 members who are passionate about the Refuge. Not only is it a special place for wildlife in our rapidly growing valley, it is also a special place for people. The Refuge has over 150,000 visitors each year.

This project will improve the accessibility of the walking trails and visitor center on the Refuge. Increased use by the public significantly and directly benefits the economy of the Bitterroot Valley and Western Montana.

Please give Ravalli County's request for funds from the Public Lands Highways Discretionary Program a favorable recommendation. It will be appreciated by all of us who enjoy visiting the Refuge.

Sincerely,

[Signature of David W. Woodgerd]

David W. Woodgerd
President

C: David Ohnstad, Ravalli County Road and Bridge
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